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SUBJECT: EC REGULATIONS ON IMPORTS OF PROCESSED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES

REF.: (A) STATE 232029; (B) STATE 120135

1. ON MAY 23 THE HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION

NO. 238 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS (REF. B). THE RESOLUTION IS SIMILAR TO ONE PASSED BY THE SENATE SEPTEMBER 16, 1977 (REF A).

2. TEXT INCLUDING TITLE READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE WITH RESPECT TO THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS UNILATERALLY PUT IN PLACE BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WHICH HAVE THE EFFECT OF DAMAGING AND INTERFERING WITH HISTORIC AND ACCEPTABLE TRADE PATTERNS IN THE UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF CERTAIN PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ENACTED THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 WITH THE INTENT OF LIBERALIZING INTERNA-

TIONAL TRADE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD;

WHEREAS PROLIFERATION OF REGULATIONS TO CONTROL, LIMIT, AND ESTABLISH MINIMUM PRICES ON NONSENSITIVE PRODUCTS OF COMMERCE IS HARMFUL TO THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM AND THE SPIRIT OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE;

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WHEREAS THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF PUTTING IN PLACE HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE REGULATIONS ON UNITED STATES EXPORTS, WHICH REGULATIONS THREATEN TO IMPAIR OUR RIGHTS UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT IS THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE THAT THE PRESIDENT SHALL USE ALL MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL TO OBTAIN REMOVAL OF THE ONEROUS TRADE IMPAIRMENTS ON CERTAIN UNITED STATES PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, NAMELY, THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (EEC) REGULATIONS NUMBER 516/77 THROUGH 524/77, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY EVENTUAL ADJUDICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER ARTICLE XXIII OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE OR ANY OTHER INITIATIVES; TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY COMMISSION THAT SIMILAR RESTRICTIVE MEASURES WILL NOT BE IMPOSED IN THE FUTURE; AND TO PLACE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY ON NOTICE THAT SHOULD PREVIOUSLY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS BY THE COMMISSION OR ITS MEMBERS TO PLACE RESTRICTIVE REGULATIONS ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM THE UNITED STATES BE FOLLOWED BY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS AND RESULT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH REGULATION,

THE UNITED STATES WILL EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS UNDER THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE TO TAKE RETALIATORY
MEASURES AGAINST THESE REGULATIONS.

END QUOTE.

3. ORIGINAL WORDING OF THIS RESOLUTION MADE SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO WALNUTS AND DRIED PRUNES, BUT LANGUAGE WAS
MADE MORE GENERAL IN COMMITTEE. "PREVIOUSLY UNSUCCESSFUL
EFFORTS BY THE COMMISSION OR ITS MEMBERS TO PLACE RESTRIC-
TIVE REGULATIONS ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN PROCESSED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES" APPARENTLY REFERS TO PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON
IMPORTS FOR WALNUTS WHICH, HOWEVER, WERE NEVER PUT INTO
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